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Spring 2012

PARADE!

Iowa will welcome home thousands of veterans of the Iraq War AND honor ALL Iowa men and women who have served in past wars by holding a parade in downtown Des Moines. The office of the Governor announced they are calling the parade “**A Salute to our Veterans and Service Members.**” The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012, beginning at the foot of the Iowa Capitol and ending at Vets Auditorium.

The statewide parade is being coordinated by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, the Iowa National Guard, and the Governor’s office. Retired Col. Robert King is heading up the parade planning and anticipates a big crowd. In a recent interview, King stated, “I think every opportunity that we can take to thank our service members and our veterans is crucial.”

Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs said, “As we honor our veterans and thank their families, we must also educate our children about the importance of service and sacrifice.”

General Timothy Orr believes this is a “great opportunity for Iowans to celebrate their veterans,” and Governor Branstad stated that “it is important to honor our heroes here at home.”

The parade will be led by a riderless horse – symbolizing Iowa’s fallen warriors who will ride no more. Sixty-five Iowans died in the Iraq war and 20 in the Afghanistan war.

In addition to honoring the achievements and dedication of Iowa’s service men and women, the parade will also be timely because this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

For more information and/or to receive a parade application packet, call the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs: 800-838-4692. This information can also be accessed here: <http://governor.iowa.gov> and on IDVA’s webpage: <http://va.iowa.gov>.

Iowa's Fallen Heroes

Funeral services for Sgt. 1st Class Edris Arthur Viers of Swan, Iowa were held on Friday April 27, 2012 at the Mason Funeral Home in Pleasantville, Iowa. Burial followed in the Swan Cemetery with full military honors by the Iowa National Guard – more than 60 years after he was declared deceased.

Edris A. Viers was born on May 29, 1918 on a farm near Swan, (Marion County) Iowa, the son of William W. Viers and Mable (Beason) Viers. He enlisted in the United States Army on November 9, 1940 and served during World War II in New Guinea and the Philippines. He then reenlisted and was deployed to Korea in 1950 and served with Battery 555, Field Artillery Battalion. Eddie went missing in action and was presumed dead on August 12, 1950 during the notorious firefight at Pongam-ni – later known as the “Battle of Bloody Gulch.” More than 100 soldiers from two U.S. army units were killed in the battle itself, and dozens more were later executed by North Korean forces. He was officially declared deceased on December 31, 1953, but his remains were not identified. Eddie's unknown remains were buried in a US Military Cemetery near Masan, South Korea and in 1956 they were moved to the National Memorial Cemetery known as the “Punchbowl” in Honolulu, Hawaii and placed in the unknown section. In late 2011, the unidentified remains were positively identified as Sgt. 1st Class Edris A. Viers.



Sgt. 1st Class Edris Viers

Sergeant First Class Viers was awarded the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, the Asia-Pacific Theater Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal.

Surviving are his niece, Mabel Flaig of Hartford; nephews, Jerry Dabb of Kingman, Arizona, Jerry Viers of Swan, William A. Viers and Alan Viers of Indianola and Larry Viers of Des Moines. [Sources: *Des Moines Register* and Iowa National Guard Public Affairs]

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

The Iowa Veterans Cemetery reports that through May 25, 2012 there are:
Applications on file: over 6532 ♦ Veterans interred: 961 ♦ Interments: 1,157 ♦ *In Memory of Markers:* 33

American Legion Dedicates Monument at IVC

Dedicated to the Men and
Women Who Served Our Country



The American Legion Family of Iowa hosted a dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter. The ceremony commemorated the new Legion monument – a project begun nearly two years ago. The monument was designed to incorporate every branch of the military in order to honor our Fallen Heroes.

Ceremony keynote speaker was Dennis Soppe and distinguished guest was Sarah Biver, monument artist and student from West Union High School.

The project cost – nearly \$12,000, was raised through donations and raffles. Ted Hall, Department Vice Commander, served as the Master of Ceremonies and also served as chairman of the committee responsible for fund-raising and design of the monument.

Honoring Iowa's Veterans

60th Anniversary Observance for Korean War Era Veterans

Beginning June 25, 2012, the Korean War Commemoration Committee will launch "The Year of the Korean War Veteran" marking the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

In Iowa, a personalized certificate of appreciation, signed by U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta is available to all Korean War-era veterans and the family members who supported them at a **celebration on Saturday, July 14, 2012**. Eligible veterans or their families must sign up with the DoD to receive the certificate, which will include their name, rank, and unit of assignment. For more information, contact Sherrie Colbert, Iowa Gold Star Museum: Sherrie.Colbert@iowa.gov, 515-727-3211. (Location of the event to be announced at a later date.) The Iowa Gold Star Museum has received the names of over 1400 Korean War veterans who have applied for the certificates.

"We have taken our stand on the side of Korea and our pledge of faith to that nation is a witness to all the world that we champion liberty wherever the tyranny of communism is the aggressor." – President Harry S. Truman, June 27, 1950.

A few historical facts:

- On June 25, 1950, 75,000 soldiers from the North Korea's People's Army poured across the 38th Parallel – the boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south. The South Korean people simply say "6-2-5" (pronounced yoo-gee-o), June 25th, to remember the beginning of the war that divides their homeland to this day.
- Actual hostilities occurred from June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1953. However, the war period was extended to January 31, 1955 by Congress to define a period of benefit eligibility in the wake of uneasy peace negotiations after July 27, 1953. The Korean border remains near its prewar location along the 38th Parallel, with a demilitarized zone formally separating North and South. No formal truce was ever signed.
- There were 6.8 million American men and women who served during the Korean War period (6-27-1950 to 1-31-1955).
- 54,200 Americans died in the service during the period of hostilities; of these, 33,700 were actual battle deaths.
- There were 7,140 POWs during the Korean War. Of these, 4,418 returned to the United States, 2,701 died, and 21 refused repatriation.
- Iowa played a large part in this war, sending approximately 8,000 soldiers to Korea. More than 500 were killed and 70 Iowans are still listed as MIA.
- There have been 131 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor among Korean War veterans. One Iowan received the medal for his act of valor: Sergeant First Class Junior D. Edwards, (born October 7, 1926 in Indianola and entered service in Indianola, Iowa), sacrificed his life to hold a key position on January 2, 1951, near Changbong-ni, North Korea. (http://www.iowahistory.org/museum/exhibits/medal-of-honor/edwards_jr_korea/index.htm)
- For additional information and perspective on the Korean War, there are many good sites to be explored. A few of them are:
 - <http://www.abmc.gov/memorials/memorials/kr.php> (Korean War Memorial)
 - <http://www.koreanwar.org> (Korean War Project)
 - <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/history.html> (Korean War history)
 - <http://www.history.com/topics/korean-war> (The History Channel)

Honoring Iowa's Veterans

May 7, 2012 Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War. In his Presidential Proclamation observing Vietnam Veterans Day, President Obama stated, "Eleven years of combat left their imprint on a generation. Thousands returned home bearing shrapnel and scars; still more were burdened by the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress, of Agent Orange, of memories that would never fade. More than 58,000 laid down their lives in service to our Nation. Now and forever, their names are etched into two faces of black granite, a lasting memorial to those who bore conflict's greatest cost."

On May 7th, 2012 Iowans remembered their Vietnam Veterans at their own black granite wall and honored their comrades who are no longer here with us and to welcome those who are. During the Vietnam War years, (1964-1973), 115,000 Iowans served in all branches of the military. Their average age was 19. Eight hundred and



Iowa Vietnam Veterans' War Monument

sixty-nine Iowans became casualties of the Vietnam War. Five of those Vietnam veterans earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for their bravery. Those Medal Honor recipients were: John F. Baker, U.S. Army; George E. Day, U.S. Air Force; Merlyn Hans Dethlefsen, U.S. Air Force; Robert J. Hibbs, U.S. Army; and Jimmie E. Howard, U.S. Marine Corps.



National Anthem Singer
Mae Ann Dunker



VVA Chapter 790, Lake Mills Iowa
Post colors



Bagpiper
Ron Best



VVA Day Proclamation Reader
State Rep. Jeff Kaufmann



Keynote Speaker
Polk County Sheriff Bill McCarthy



Master of Ceremonies
Dan Gannon

Honoring Iowa's Veterans

2012 Memorial Day

The May 28, 2012 ceremony at Iowa Veterans Cemetery was the 4th Memorial Day remembrance observed there since the cemetery opened in 2009. This year had, by far, the largest attendance. Cars lined up to the interstate, and attendance was estimated at over 250. The program included featured speaker Governor Terry Branstad; Reverend Jim Howland, First United Presbyterian Church in Winterset delivered the invocation; Gloria Doyle played a beautiful "Taps". Senior Dani Lockhart from ADM High School in Adel sang the national anthem, and Boy Scout Troop #152 of Adel posted colors. IDVA thanks American Legion Post 403, the U.S. Army Reserve, and the Knights of Columbus for all their volunteer efforts in readying the cemetery for Memorial Day 2012.



Iowa Veterans Cemetery



Boy Scout Devon York, Presidor
Vocalist Dani Lockhart, ADM High School



Boy Scout Troop #152 of Adel, L. to R.
Scott Clabough, Kyle Hovey, Connor Mullen



IDVA Executive Director Jodi Tymeson



Iowa Governor Terry Branstad

Honoring Iowa's Veterans

Dignity Wall Commemorative Marker Dedication



Dan Gannon, ICVA Commissioner,
speaks at dedication,
Resthaven Cemetery, May 27, 2012

On September 16-18, 2011, McLaren's Resthaven Cemetery sponsored the *Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall* display in West Des Moines. During that time, hundreds of people left tokens of remembrance. At the conclusion of the event, a vault containing those mementos and memorabilia was interred near the black granite veterans' commemoration wall in Resthaven Cemetery, West Des Moines, Iowa.

On May 28, 2012 – Memorial Day, a bronze marker was unveiled at the site of the vault and is inscribed:

Beneath this commemorative marker are buried the pictures, flags, and other memorabilia left at the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall from September 16-18, 2011 at Resthaven Cemetery, West Des Moines, Iowa. "To remember, to reflect, to heal."

The Dignity Wall traveling monument has been displayed in more than 200 cities across the country, allowing millions of visitors to experience the healing power of the memorial.



Governor Appoints New Board Member to the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs has appointed a new member. Jon Wille, Ankeny, Iowa, represents Disabled American Veterans. His term runs from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2016. Wille replaces retiring commissioner, Francis McAllister.

International Association of Workforce Professionals Award

IDVA's benefit specialist, Bob Steben, was recently honored by the International Association of Workforce Professionals as the "2011 Workplace System Customer Service" for 2011.

Ted Hall, Iowa Workforce Development, nominated Bob for this prestigious award.

Founded in 1913, the International Association of Workforce Professionals is a professional association for members who work in public and private workforce development programs. For more information on IAWP, visit: www.iawponline.org.

Congratulations to Mr. Steben!!



News and Updates

Iowa Legislative Update – 2012 Session

House Resolution 108: Honoring Iowans who served on the USS Indianapolis

Bills signed by the Governor:

1. SF 2007 - \$1.3 million supplemental appropriation to National Guard Educational Assistance
2. SF 2018 - \$3 million financial assistance for BB-61 USS Iowa restoration
3. SF 2244 - definitions for injured veteran grant program
4. HF 2264 - requires certain cemeteries to allow veterans to purchase interment space for spouse
5. HF 2402 - proof of cash flow to apply for federal grant to build at Iowa Veterans Cemetery
6. HF 2403 - allows DOT to waive driving component of CDL test in certain circumstances
7. HF 2404 - defines evidence of military service (for purposes of drivers license expiration)
8. SF 2038 - Department of Veterans Affairs bill
9. SF 2097 - Department of Public Defense bill
10. SF 2245 - study regarding establishment of dual diagnosis treatment program at IVH
11. SF 2112 - veteran may request "veteran" placed on driver's license or non-operator identification card; requires Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs action
12. SF 2325 - retains the income tax check-off for the Veterans Trust Fund
13. HF 2466 - appropriates from the Veterans Trust Fund \$300,000 for use this fiscal year and allows \$300,000 annually of lottery proceeds to be used for approved applications. Includes an amendment to allow a sales tax exemption for certain raffles conducted by qualified veterans organizations.

The past decade has provided reminder enough of the devotion, loyalty, and determination of the magnificent men and women who serve in our military formations. "*In harm's way*" has become the cliché for those deployed on mission without really capturing the danger, stress, worry, fear, and love that keeps military families riveted to each breaking overseas news bulletin. *There are no clichés for discussing the undiscussable.*

—Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Check It Out

Suits: VA Support for Incarcerated Veterans: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKbu5C1tx2w>

For one veteran, life has revolved around the various 'suits' that he has worn. He recounts life from a small boy, through his time in the military, his getting himself into trouble resulting in incarceration, and his successful reintegration into the community upon release from incarceration. He notes that it was his military uniform – the 'suit' – that allowed him to be assisted by the Department of Veterans Affairs both while incarcerated and upon his release, highlighting the efforts on the part of VA to assist all incarcerated Veterans. [Source: Brian Brooks]

25 incredible pictures One World Trade Center Under Construction

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/mjs538/incredible-pictures-of-one-world-trade-constructio>

News Briefs, Con't.

Iowa Veterans Home

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The Iowa Veterans Home recently held its 38th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Awards Program in the Malloy Leisure Resource Center.

Certificates of Service were presented to 17 organizations whose members are actively involved with volunteering at IVH or who are represented on the IVH Volunteer Advisory Committee. Certificates were issued to 20 additional groups and churches in honor of their members who volunteered at IVH in 2011-12.

The Commandant selected Deloris Clayton as the recipient of the 2012 Commandant's Award. She has been a volunteer at IVH for 17 years and has provided nearly 5,000 hours of service. She has volunteered almost 700 hours in the past year volunteering as a Recreation Assistant and as the VFW Auxiliary Representative on the IVH Volunteer Advisory Committee. Rex Lewis recently received an award for 25 years of volunteering at the Iowa Veterans Home.



Pictured left to right are IVH Commandant David Worley, Rex Lewis, Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs member Dan Gannon and Marshalltown Mayor Gene Beach. [Source: Diane Lemker, IVH]

A “Perfect” Score at IVH

The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown is one of the largest state-owned facilities for veterans in the United States. Last issue, we highlighted the new additions that were nearing completion – awaiting the USDVA survey that all standards had been successfully met.

An extensive review by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of the new additions/construction at the IVH garnered a “perfect score”! Congratulations!



Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack Visits with Iowa Vets

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack met with a group of veterans at the Boline-Manfredi VFW Post 9662 on May 25, 2012 to discuss employment assistance for veterans living in rural areas. Vilsack is promoting the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s push to help rural veterans as well as discuss the Veterans Jobs Corps. The Veterans Jobs Corps vision would “put returning service members back into the workforce by restoring federal, state, and local lands – among many other agency jobs.”

The United States Department of Agriculture wants to connect farming to veterans, and has announced a micro-loan program through the Iowa Farm Service Agency. This program offers loans up to \$35,000 at 1.5% to rent or purchase equipment and land. The USDA is also an employer – hiring approximately 20,000 employees annually. Secretary Vilsack said that the USDA would LIKE to recruit veterans into its workforce.

For additional information and/or to contact the USDA, visit: <http://usda.gov> and <http://usajobs.gov>.

News Briefs, Con't.

AMVETS Career Centers Open

AMVETS Department of Iowa proudly announces the addition of two Career Centers in the state of Iowa. An open house was held Monday, April 16, 2012 at AMVEST Post 2 —located at 2818 5th Avenue, Des Moines. A second Iowa AMVETS Career Center will open at AMVETS Post 49 in Cedar Falls, Iowa within the next month.

AMVETS Career Centers are nonprofit corporations that provides career and employment services to those who have served America honorably, including:

- ♦ Veterans
- ♦ Active duty service members
- ♦ Members of the National Guard and Reserves

For information, contact Mary Van Horn, Public Relations Officer for AMVETS Department of Iowa, 515-782-3217 or amvetpost22000@yahoo.com.

County News Briefs

Dallas County – Ed Vos

The Dallas County Veterans Fair will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Dallas County Courthouse – 902 Court Street in Adel. Speakers include Matt Schultz, Iowa Secretary of State; Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director IDVA; Jennifer Minor and Coleen Stewart, VA Health Care System; and Katina Mach, Des Moines Vet Center. For more information, call 515-993-5809.

Scott County – David Woods

Honor Flight of the Quad City's has just completed a trip for Korean War Veterans to visit their memorial in Washington, D.C. Hy-Vee donated \$50,000 for this journey. The next flight is scheduled for September 20, 2012. Contact David Woods in Scott County for more information, and/or visit: <http://www.honorflightqc.com>.

Story County – Brett McLain

Story County Freedom Flight committee is honoring Story County Veterans from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam for all of their sacrifices. The committee is doing this by raising funds for a flight to Washington, DC to visit their memorials. Whether you are one of Story County's heroes or would like to volunteer, you can be part of this monumental event. Contact the Story County Freedom Flight: PO Box 83, Nevada IA, 50201.

Warren County – Kathy Fensterman

There will be a Warren County Veterans Recognition Ceremony on July 28, 2012, 4:00 p.m., at the 4-H stage, Warren County Fairgrounds.

Washington County – Sue Rich

The Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall is coming to Washington, Iowa on June 13-17. The Wall will be located at the All Veterans Memorial site on Lexington Blvd.

Washington County is working with Eastern Iowa Honor Flight for a September flight to Washington D.C. for its WW II Veterans. Preparations are still in the preliminary stage.

Veteran Education News

Transfer of Post-9/11 GI-Bill Benefits to Dependents (TEB)

Veterans who retired with post-9/11 eligibility but didn't transfer the benefit may be allowed to transfer benefits after all. Requests to transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement to spouses or dependents must be made while still in the Armed Forces. Veterans who believe they were not informed of the requirement to transfer entitlement while still in service can request a *Correction of Military Records to Allow Transferability* by submitting a DD Form 149, "Application for Correction of Military Record Under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S.C, § 1552" to their service Board for Correction of Military Records. The Boards for Correction of Military Records have the mission to correct errors in or remove injustices from military records. Determinations on correcting military records to allow transfer of entitlement will be made on a case-by-case basis. You can find additional information here: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

DD Form 149, complete with instructions and mailing addresses for each military branch, is available here: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd0149.pdf>.



Joint VA/DOL Program Launches to Retrain 99,000 Unemployed Veterans

Information about the VRAP program was briefly mentioned in the last issue of this newsletter. Below find an expanded overview of this program.

Starting May 15, unemployed Veterans between the ages of 35 and 60 can now apply for new benefits to cover education costs for up to one year through a joint Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Labor (DOL) program that focuses on retraining 99,000 veterans for high-demand jobs.

"This important tool will help those who served our country receive the education and training they need to find meaningful employment in a high-demand field," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric K. Shinseki. "Veterans are disciplined, hard working, goal-oriented team members who can play a vital role in helping businesses and the economy grow."

As part of a provision of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, the Veteran Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) allows qualifying veterans to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the full-time Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty rate – currently \$1,473 per month.

Veterans can apply on a first-come, first-serve basis for VRAP beginning on May 15, 2012 for programs that begin on or after July 1, 2012. Assistance under this benefit program ends on March 31, 2014.

To qualify veterans must:

- ♦ Be 35-60 years old, unemployed on the day of application, and not dishonorably discharged;
- ♦ Start education or training after July 1, 2012, in a VA-approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school leading to an associate degree, non-college degree or a certificate for a high-demand occupation as defined by the DOL;
- ♦ Not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g. Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment);
- ♦ Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program within the last 180 days;
- ♦ Not receive VA compensation at the 100% rate due to individual unemployability (IU).

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Upon completion, the Labor Department will engage with participants within 30 days after their training to help them find good jobs that utilize their newly learned skills.

For more information on VOW, VRAP, high demand occupations, and how to apply, veterans may go to the website at www.benefits.va.gov/VOW, or call VA's Call Centers toll free at 1-800-827-1000. veterans may also access the VRAP application online at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> through eBenefits, a joint project between the Department of Defense and VA.

Veterans are also encouraged to visit the nearly 3,000 One-Stop Career Centers across the nation for assistance from staff, Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERS), and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists. To find the center near you visit www.servicelocator.org.

For more information about the Department of Labor's Veterans programs, go to <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. Additional questions may be directed to Tom Beasley, Consultant, Iowa Department of Veteran and Military Education, 515-281-3317.

Note: Within two weeks of being announced, a program to give skills to training to some unemployed veterans has garnered over 12,000 online applications, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Upcoming Events

Jeff Sharlet Memorial Award

The University of Iowa's literary magazine, *The Iowa Review*, has recently established a writing contest called "The Jeff Sharlet Memorial Award for Veterans." The contest is the result of a gift from the family of Vietnam Veteran and writer Jeff Sharlet.

This new contest is open to U.S. military veterans and active personnel writing in any genre. The winner will receive \$1,000 and publication in an upcoming issue of *The Iowa Review* literary magazine. Deadline is June 15, 2012. There is an entry fee of \$15.00

For online submission guidelines, visit iowareview.submishmash.com. For paper submission guides and additional info, visit <http://iowareview.uiowa.edu/veteranswritingcontest>. Email iowa-review@uiowa.edu or call 319-335-0462 with any questions.

Exhibit Opening at Gold Star Museum

The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, recently hosted a new exhibit opening on Friday, May 18th entitled "Faces of World War II – Clark County, Iowa" by Professor Emeritus William Schaefer. The exhibit will be on display throughout the summer of 2012 and it is another *great reason* to visit the Gold Star Museum! The exhibit includes photographs of 43 World War II veterans from Clarke County. Each photo includes biographical and military service information about the featured veteran.

Admission is free to the public. Museum hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

5K Run/Walk to Honor and Remember

The 5K Run/Walk to honor and remember Iowa's Fallen Service Members will be held on September 30, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. Sign up at www.IowaRemembranceRun.com.

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